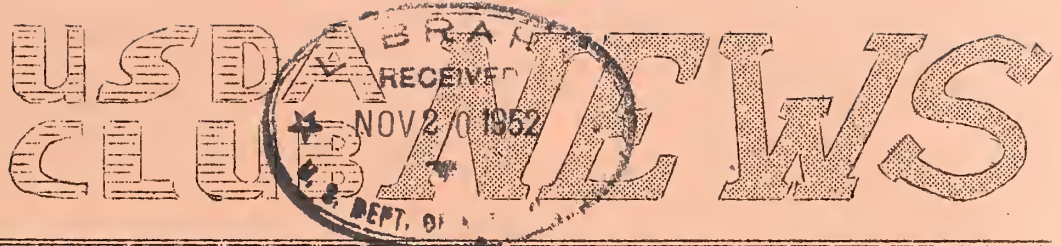


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AWARDS CEREMONY  
TO BE HELD MAY 16

The USDA Length of Service Awards Ceremony for the Dallas area will be held in Sanger Bros. Auditorium at 3:15 Tuesday, May 16, 1950.

William F. Farrell, President USDA Club, will be Master of Ceremonies.

The address will be given by Dan Braun, Office of Personnel, USDA, Washington, D.C.

L. J. Cappleman, State Director, FHA; Latham White, Director FMA Commodity Office; O. N. Spung, Area Finance Manager, FHA; W. J. Watson, Area Management Officer, FMA; and John J. Slaughter, Area Supervisor, FDP Branch, FMA, will present awards and pins to employees. W. H. Burkes, Farm Ownership Chief, will give acknowledgment.

20-Year and 10-Year awards will be presented to 34 employees. All employees are invited.

USDA CLUB HAS  
NEW DIRECTOR

Mrs. Helen Quisenberry is replacing Miss Lillian Carter of FHA Area Finance Office as a director in the USDA Club. Miss Carter is transferring to Little Rock, Arkansas with the Federal Security Agency.

Ray W. (Woody) Everett is taking Miss Carter's place at FHA and is selected as an alternate director in the Club.

USDA CLUB HELD INITIAL MEETING OF THE YEAR

MEMBERS HEARD DILLARD B. LASSETER SPEAK

The USDA Club of Dallas held the first meeting for 1950 of all employees from all agencies meeting together on April 8th at 3:30 p. m. in Sanger Bros. Auditorium on Main Street. President William F. Farrell was in charge.

The program began with group singing under the direction of Kenneth Travis, Federal Agencies Choral Club Director, and Hugh Waddill at the piano.

Officers of the Club for 1950 and Committee Chairmen were introduced by the president.

Prominent visitors from out of the city were introduced by Mr. Farrell and the list included E. B. Whitaker, National Field Representative, FHA, Washington; James A. Somerville, Chief Personnel Officer, FHA, Washington; J. W. Howell, Chief, Examination, FHA, Washington; T. B. Fatherall, State Director, FHA, Mississippi; and F. L. Spencer, State Director, Louisiana.

Mr. Latham White, Director, Commodity Credit Corporation, and Mr. Bill Elliott, Chief, Compliance and Investigation Division, Production and Marketing Administration, Dallas, Texas were present and were introduced by the chairman.

Speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Dillard B. Lasseter, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration. He was introduced (Cont'd. B.page)

MRS. SARA D. PIERCE RECEIVES CASH AWARD

Also Appreciation Certificate

Mrs. Sara D. Pierce, Insurance Clerk of the FHA State Office, was presented a check in the amount of \$50 and also a Certificate of Appreciation for a suggestion she made. The presentation was made by the Honorable Dillard B. Lasseter of Washington, D.C., Administrator of Farmers Home Administration, in the presence of all the employees in the State Office at Dallas at 11 a. m. on April 26th.

The suggestion has been adopted in all state offices throughout the United States. (Cont'd. B.page)

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### RESULTS EMPLOYEE ATTITUDES SURVEY ARE STATICIZED

The results of the Employee Attitudes Survey conducted in Agriculture offices last year have been published. The answers to questions asked employees about their work have been statistically summarized and copies of the reports delivered to the agencies.

The statistics of the report are too voluminous to reprint, but several significant conclusions were reached. A large majority of the employees questioned felt that there was very little abuse of sick leave privileges in government. Most employees would not leave the government for comparable jobs in private industry.

Generally, the answers of employees were more favorable when they had been in the service longer, with this being even more true of the women. Most employees felt that they were not notified in advance of changes affecting them on their jobs.

Most of them liked their supervisors, but did not feel that they were too well qualified. Most employees felt that the best qualified employees were not always given promotions.

A majority of employees felt free to seek advice of their supervisors on problems arising in their jobs.

The survey is interesting and should prove helpful.

## Club Meeting and Lasseter, Cont'd.

by L. J. Cappleman, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, who paid tribute to Mr. Lasseter for his outstanding work in obtaining consideration from Congress for the agencies of the Department to administer to the needs of our people in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Lasseter was very entertaining with clever remarks. Seriously speaking, he praised the agencies for their cooperation and the free help they had given which entitled them to share in the credit for the success of our undertaking.

The speech was centered around three decisions of the speaker which were "Why I Am Connected With FHA," "Why I Love It," and "What I Think Makes It Tick."

Mr. Lasseter dwelt upon the fact that tenancy is a problem we must fight. He spoke of seeing fine people become impoverished, unhealthy, and of low morale due to this situation. He said, "Our Aim is to give decent Americans a chance to have a life through American tradition."

He stated facts of how the American Government had assisted our ancestors far back, using as examples the railroads and industrials. He stated, "Just as much is needed for agriculture and we are trying to help Americans help themselves in the manner of American tradition."

### Sara D. Pierce Award, etc., Cont'd.

The working records had become voluminous due to renewals of certificates each year and the issuance of endorsements during the year.

Mrs. Pierce suggested that the current certificate and the most recent valuation report be detached and set up in new files by counties, and that the old record be destroyed since no longer active, and further that a copy of each form is in the borrower's State Office file. It is no longer necessary to indicate on the inactive working record the name of the replacing coverage and other data. Time

### SEEN DIFFERENT

LEE PIERSON: "You know I'm getting to where I certainly enjoy opera and I didn't 'used' to think it was for common people."

PIERSON FAN: "Will you never learn to rate yourself above the common people?"

is saved, space reduced, and convenience added because of this suggestion.

The Certificate of Appreciation in the Employees Suggestion Program was signed on April 10, 1950 by Lillard B. Lasseter, Administrator Farmers Home Administration.

Mrs. Pierce is receiving many congratulations.